

EXCELLENCE IN COLLABORATION

This award recognizes an individual or group for outstanding work in collaboration as a means for meeting the goals of the National Fire Plan. The recipient will have demonstrated the results, innovation, and commitment to meeting the National Fire Plan's goals (firefighting, rehabilitation and restoration, hazardous fuel reduction, community assistance, accountability) in a collaborative spirit that engages public and private partners alike. Ultimately, the recipient's work led to new partnerships that work towards more effective wildland fire management, increased firefighter safety, reduced wildland fire risk to communities and natural resources, and/or restored health to forests and rangelands.

Eligible Nominees

Nominations will be accepted for individuals or groups that have excelled in the collaboration at the local, state, regional or national level. ***Nominated projects/activities/actions must have been largely completed during calendar year 2004.***

Nominations will be accepted from any individual or group, on behalf of any individual or group, involved in implementing the National Fire Plan, whether federal, state, tribal or local government, partners such as associations or established organizations, contractors, or others.

Nomination Process:

Due to delays in mail delivery procedures in Washington, D.C., we request nominations be sent **by Federal Express** (or some other express mail delivery system) to:

Simone Dupree, USDA Forest Service
National Fire Plan, Yates Building 1 NW
201 14th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-0001

Emailed or faxed nominations will not be accepted. Nominations must be received **by COB November 19, 2004.** No late nominations will be accepted.

Nomination Package:

All nominations must include the following:

1. A completed Nomination Cover Sheet (a blank cover sheet is attached to this packet),
2. A CD that includes a one-page "Success Story" describing this project. The Success Story should be a brief narrative (no more than one page) describing the project, work or accomplishment and its significance to the National Fire Plan at the national, regional, state or local level (please reference the NFP *10 year Comprehensive Strategy*). Include where and when the work occurred, who was involved, how it was planned and implemented, and why the work was important. If possible, please also include supporting images (as jpeg files) (the Success Stories and supporting images will be posted on the National Fire Plan website),
3. One hard copy of the Success Story, and
4. Two pages or less in which each of the nomination criterion are addressed separately.

Criteria

Each nomination should address the following criterion:

1. Describe how the nominee's work led to new collaboration aimed towards setting priorities, establishing common goals or understandings, improving planning or preparedness, expanding outreach or education, reducing program costs and/or environmental impacts, and/or enhancing community or firefighter safety in furtherance of the National Fire Plan goals.
2. Discuss how the nominee used collaboration, coordination, partnerships, and/or communities to accomplish the National Fire Plan goals. Describe who was involved, what their role was, and how this collaboration enhanced the work or project.
3. Describe, in detail, how the nominee demonstrated a commitment to the National Fire Plan under the direction of the *10-Year Strategy* and how this commitment exceeded expectations.